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## Corps offers 13 years to sergeants

LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Reenlisting in the Marine Corps is a personal choice for Marines who reach the end of their contract. This choice allows Marines the personal freedom to choose the path of their career.

Unfortunately, sergeants, who are passed over twice for selection to staff sergeant before the end of their second enlistment, are unable to reenlist and forced to end their Marine Corps career. This is referred to as the Marine Corp's "Up or Out" policy. But that policy is about to change.

Beginning October 1, The Marine Corps will modify the current "Up and Out" policy for sergeants by allowing them the opportunity to reenlist up to 13 years on their service contract. The current policy restricts sergeants, who are passed over twice, from reenlisting a third term.

The revision to the policy enables sergeants close to or at eight years who fail selection to staff sergeant before their reenlistment date, to continue their career in the Marine Corps. The policy allows the Marine Corps to keep qualified Marines on active duty.

"A lot of good Marines have to end their career because the way the policy is designed," said Gunnery Sgt Robert E. Griffith, Career Planner, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "We are losing quality Marines with good experience, training and leadership capabilities. There is just no way around it," expressed Griffith.

Reenlisting again up to 13 years will give sergeants the opportunity to continue with the education they are receiving in the Marine Corps. This includes leadership traits, discipline, bearing and school, according to Griffith.

"The main benefit is Marines get to continue on with their way of life in the Marine Corps," Griffith said. "For some Marines, the Marine Corps is all they know, and to change that could be a step in the wrong direction."

To be eligible for reenlistment up to 13 years, sergeants must be recom-



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Thanks to a change in the "Up and Out" policy, some sergeants do not have to trade their cammies for a t-shirt and tie at the end of their second enlistment.

mended from their chain of command and meet all reenlistment requirements. Sergeants who wish to reenlist up to 13 years need to submit a reenlistment package within one year of the end of their contract.

This new policy not only benefits sergeants, but also provides many benefits to the Marine Corps and its service members.

By allowing sergeants to reenlist up to 13 years, it allows the Marine Corps and its commanders to keep experienced, middle level Marines on active duty. Finding replacements for the sergeants won't become an issue, explained Griffith.

"We need to keep the leaders we have because they have experience and are trained at the job they do," continued Griffith. "It makes no sense to keep someone from reenlisting who is qualified for the job and can carry out the mission."

The policy also boosts retention levels in the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps will not need to replace the sergeants who are forced out at the end of their contract due to reenlistment limitations. This will give them plenty of time in advance to decide whether they will stay in the Marine Corps or return to civilian society.

"I actually am pleased to know if I'm not a staff sergeant by my next enlistment I have the opportunity to continue with the Marine Corps," said Sgt Ernest E. Lawson, Visual Basic Technician Lead, G-6, Information System Branch,

H&S Battalion, MCB. "I have a lot of leadership that I want to retain and share with younger Marines, and I'll be able to do that by staying in the Corps."

Fast promoting Military Occupational Specialist fields are sometimes a disadvantage to sergeants because they get promoted too soon and get looked over for promotion. The policy presents an advantage to these sergeants because they'll again get the opportunity to go in front of the promotion board.

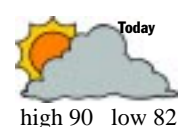
The policy will also give those sergeants who received punishment for misconduct early in their career a chance to redeem themselves. Some sergeants are looked over because of Non-judicial punishments, and misconduct entries in their record book.

For sergeants with families, the policy will benefit them by letting them continue on with their job in support of their family.

"I and my family depend upon the Marine Corps for a job and survival," Lawson said. "It just wouldn't be fair to my family knowing I had to resign from the Marine Corps just because I didn't get promoted. The policy is only fair to Marines and should have been put into in affect a long time ago."

Now sergeants who are not selected for staff sergeant by the end of their second enlistment will have an opportunity to continue with the Corps. The policy is just one more way the Marine Corps strives to make tomorrow's Corps better for Marines.

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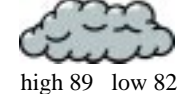
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# Tobacco cessation can decrease disease

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**CAMP FOSTER** – More than 400,000 Americans die from tobacco-related diseases each year, and service members are no exception.

The reason service members begin smoking or dipping may vary, but the result is often the same; some illness is likely to cut their lifespan short by an average of five years, according to David Elger, health promotion director, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa.

Cancer is the most severe consequence of tobacco use, as 85 percent of lung cancer deaths are attributed to tobacco use, and 30 percent of all heart disease is a result of habitual tobacco usage.

Tobacco use can cause bad breath, birth defects, bronchitis, early menopause, emphysema, gingivitis, headaches, heart problems, impotence, infertility, osteoporosis, poor circulation, shortness of breath, elevated blood lipids, increased blood pressure, ulcers, wrinkles and, eventually, death, according to Elger.

"Many tobacco users use the excuse, 'Everyone has to die sometime,'" Elger said. "However, even if you live your life expectancy, the quality of life will be poor."

Most smokers accept these consequences because they might believe the benefits outweigh the risks.

"I enjoy smoking because it relaxes me and keeps me from getting bored," said Pfc. Angela Mills, chief of staff driver, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base.

Those who decide to stop using tobacco may realize its harmful effects, but the dependency developed toward nicotine makes the habit hard to quit.

"I started smoking two years ago in Military Police school," said Lance Cpl. Nathan Schilling, customs agent, Provost Marshal's Office, H&S Battalion. "Then I tried to stop about a year ago, but that only lasted three days because I needed smoking to deal with the stress from work and boredom."

The Health and Wellness Center at the USNH provides a five-week class for those who find it difficult to quit using tobacco products. The class gives people group support and the tools to develop a plan to deal with cravings. The center also offers people the choice of using nicotine replacement therapy, Zyban, or both methods to quit smoking or dipping. Zyban is a mild anti-depressant used to ease the unpleasantness of tobacco withdrawal. However, Elger said the key to quitting is determination.

"Tobacco users must be serious if they want to quit," Elger said. "Some will quit for a while, then something stressful might happen and they go right back to using tobacco again."

"Being prepared and developing a plan is the most important part, but they have to want it," Elger said. "The sooner tobacco users quit, the better."

For more information on quitting tobacco use, call the Health and Wellness Center at 645-2620.



GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI

Service members on Okinawa who smoke are at increased risk for serious health problems like cancer and heart disease. Smokers can get help to kick the habit by enrolling in a five-day tobacco cessation program offered through the U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa.

## 3/12 Marines complete 48-hour training movement

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**OJOJIHARA, Japan** – The Marines of I Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment embarked on a 48-hour artillery relocation movement July 1-2, in order to perfect their skills and teamwork before taking on the actual live-fire portion of the exercise here.

The relocation exercise consists of the Marines moving from location to location, with 5-ton trucks hauling the 155 mm howitzers when the command to "march," or move, to the next location is given. Then the individual gun

sections must make sure the guns are set to fire upon the intended targets.

When the artillery Marines land at their location, the trucks are parked so the guns point in the general direction that they will be firing. The Marines then jump from their trucks as fast as possible, unhook the guns from the vehicles by hand, and begin the procedures required to properly fire the gun.

This particular movement posed an array of obstacles for the Marines to overcome. The gap between training exercises contributed to some of the

difficulties, since the last live-fire exercise these Marines have been on was during Operation Cobra Gold 2001, ended May of this year. While the Marines always stay proficient in their Military Occupation Specialty, time away from the field can take its toll on anyone, according to Lance Cpl. Thien Nguyen, Fuseman, I Btry., 3/11.

"I've messed up out here today a couple of times, but I've already learned from those mistakes," Nguyen said. "We've been out of the field for a while, considering that while we're back at 29 Palms, California, we usu-

ally do a field exercise every other month."

Mistakes are expected during these pre-training missions, according to Sgt. Alberto Aguilar, Section Chief, I Btry., 3/11. According to him, that is one of the main reasons they take on these types of exercises.

"The Marines are going to come out here, and they're going to make a few mistakes the first couple of times out," Aguilar said. "Some of these Marines are working in different sections, doing new jobs and are a little rusty. But **Arty, continued on page 5**

## Change of Command



Col. John J. Rankin



Col. Myron L. Hampton

Col. John J. Rankin replaced Col. Myron L. Hampton as commanding officer of 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, during a change of command ceremony at Camp Kinser July 11.

## Upcoming Changes of Command

### III MARINE

#### EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

The III Marine Expeditionary Force change of command ceremony, where Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, will be held at 9:30 a.m. July 31 at the Camp Courtney Parade Ground.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Camp Courtney Gym.

Uniform for the ceremony is camouflage utilities for service members and coat and tie for civilians.

### 3RD MARINE DIVISION

The 3rd Marine Division change of command ceremony, where Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. James R. Battaglini, will be held at 6 p.m. July 26 at the Camp Courtney Parade Ground.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Camp Courtney Gym.

Uniform for the ceremony is camouflage utilities for service members and coat and tie for civilians.



# Logistics shows off future capabilities

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**CAMP FOSTER** — Marines are a constant changing and evolving breed of warriors who made due with antiquated equipment in the past; however, today new advances in technology encourage leaders to change venue to advanced equipment and new ways to integrate the influx of new technology.

Marine leaders have placed more emphasis on fixing technologies. Thought processes to bridge the gap with forward thinking builds a new breed of better-equipped and organized Marines.

One of new changes currently undergoing the testing and implementation phase is the Integrated Logistics Capability, which is designed to help improve support to Marines in the battlefield.

Started in 1998, the ILC has tested, evaluated, developed and initiated a way to overhaul the vast array of logistic processes. The idea behind ILC is to help keep Marines fully equipped while trimming supply lines and equipment repair turnaround time.

"We looked at our current logistics system and found that there is a better way to do business in the Marine Corps," said Col. Robert E. Love, director, Integrated Logistics Capability Center, Headquarters Marine Corps.

"While everyone is working hard and doing their absolute best to provide responsive support, what we are finding is that they are saddling these very old ways that we do business," he said. "If some of our famous former Marines were alive today, like Chesty Puller or Gen Lejeune, [and they] came into one of our operations centers, it would look pretty much the same. We do business pretty much the same as we always have barring a few computers."

According to Love, the Marine Corps currently uses 200 different computer driven logistics systems to manage support for the battlefield.

Each logistics system supports different types of goods such as ammunition, vehicle repair parts and food.

Under the ILC's new format, direct procurement will only be one initiative for Marines who need direct logistical support. But it goes beyond a unit taking care of itself without the help of others.

The ILC team believes in mutually supporting logistics to better improve efficiency and reduce repair cycle and inventory surplus. This will be accomplished by developing a centralized management for secondary repairable systems that will have Corpswide visibility of assets.

"If III MEF needs something they buy it. Why would you buy it if it were on the shelf at Camp Pendleton? Why not ship it from Camp Pendleton and give it to them. It's all Marine Corps inventory anyway," Love said.

Under the new system, units shipping shelved parts to other units would not affect a unit monetarily, according to Love.

"We did a test and found that after we shipped items back and forth it was almost a wash, and we were able to take almost 200 items off deadline sooner than having the requisitions to process normally," Love said.

For two years the ILC team studied better ways to provide logistical support for the operating forces by focusing on logistics specifically for deployed operations. In the past new concepts were developed for garrison units and then transitioned for deployment. Now the reverse will be employed with an importance on the deployed unit and the garrison units adapting.

Not only does the new system improve supply lines and make supplying a unit quicker, the ILC also has new plans for eliminating repetition within the maintenance cycle.

Under the current system, the Marine Corps has five echelons of maintenance with 168 organizational-level maintenance shops. The ILC wants to consolidate and reduce them to 75 shops. What this will do is eliminate second and third echelon maintenance,



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Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Gomez, CH-46 mechanic, HMM-262, MAG-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, changes the oil on a Ch-46 Sea Knight motorhead. In order to make repairs and maintenance checks on the helicopter a vast array of tools and parts have to be purchased through various supply lines. Under the new ILC system Marines can get whatever they need through one supply source.

and have them both fall under intermediate-level maintenance. The reduction of redundancy and paperwork will reduce a repair cycle time from an average of 57 days to approximately 27 days, according to Love.

Even though prospective changes look like light at the end of the tunnel

for some Marines who use a system that is outdated, the ILC doesn't plan on fully implementing their final review until 2005.

For more information regarding ILC policies and procedures, go to their website at <http://www.hqmc.usmc.mil/lpi.nsf>

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I've already seen major improvements from the first position to the second, and the Marines are almost back to their old selves. By the time we get to the main portion of the exercise, we'll be perfect."

In order to reach that perfection, the Marines have to know their jobs, and be able to work flawlessly as a team according to Aguilar. No one Marine can stand alone during the artillery relocation exercise.

"Teamwork is the most important ingredient out here since it takes everyone working together to be efficient," Aguilar said. "No Marine is different out here and everyone is trained the same way. If one person isn't doing his job, then every-

one is held up and we all fail together. If we all work together, we all succeed."

"I couldn't do this by myself," added Nguyen. "I really depend on my fellow Marines and section chiefs in order to get the job done."

Another obstacle the Marines face, is one that makes the exercise both interesting and challenging one, according to Cpl. Sam K. Tolbert, Cannonier, I Btry, 3/11.

Soft, wet mud quickly made its presence known to the Marines and their equipment. Navigating through the hilly terrain became almost impossible at some locations when the huge howitzers actually began sinking into the earth. The Marines were forced to dig the guns out, and in some

case, two trucks had to be used to pull a gun out.

"Unknown terrain can't be planned for," Tolbert said. "Each field operation has some type of element or terrain problem that we have to overcome, but that's what we do. As Marines, if we are called into fight, we never know where we might have to go, so we welcome these types of opportunities to train, to get used to the unexpected."

I Btry, 3/11 is currently attached to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment as part of the Unit Deployment Program. The program offers the unit a chance to be rotated from Marine Corps Base 29 Palms, and attach with 3/12 for six months.



# Acclimatizing key to preventing, reducing injuries

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — Summer temperatures here can reach three digits, coupled with the humidity it can seem even hotter. Marines and Sailors new to Okinawa should take time to properly acclimatize to the subtropical weather on island to prevent heat-related injuries.

Newcomers can avoid serious illness by following a few guidelines to stay safe in the Okinawan heat and humidity.

Acclimatization is the process of physiological and psychological adaptation to a new environment, such as when a person moves from a cool climate to a hot climate.

"Basically, acclimatization is getting used to a new environment," said Staff Sgt. Somphone Baymanh, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group Safety and Environmental staff noncommissioned officer in charge. "Okinawa is a subtropical island, meaning the heat and humidity is greater than most parts of the United States. You have to acclimatize to reduce and prevent heat injuries."

Acclimatization to heat requires 10 to 14 days of gradually increasing training, however, most units on Okinawa allow 21 days. Acclimating involves repeated exposure to heat sufficient to raise the core body temperature and induce moderate sweating. By gradually increasing the intensity of exercise each day, a person will work up to an appropriate physical training schedule adapted for the environment.

During the first two days of heat exposure, light activities are appropriate. By the third day of heat exposure, 3-kilometer runs at the pace of the slowest participant are feasible.

"(People) need to keep themselves hydrated and stay in good shape," Baymanh said. "They need to know the flag conditions and (train) accordingly. Try doing it in the morning when it's cooler, and slowly get used to the weather."

Heat acclimatization increases sweating, which enhances the evaporative cooling capacity of the body, according to the Army's Heat Injury Prevention Task Force manual, Preventing Heat Injuries, which III MEF uses. Increased sweating, however, can lead to dehydration. Dehydration can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Service members should stay hydrated to prevent heat injuries, according to the manual.

Hydrating properly involves drinking plenty of fluid two hours before exercise, five to 10 ounces of fluid every 15 minutes during exercise, and fluids with increased sodium content after exercise, according to an article Dr. Phillip Sparling and Dr.



SGT. STEPHEN L. STANDIFIRD  
Drinking plenty of fluids before, during and after physical training is very important as increased sweating can lead to dehydration. Dehydration can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Mindy Millard-Stafford wrote for The Physician and Sports Medicine.

Attention to clothing is also important, according to Sparling and Millard-Stafford. Newcomers should wear fabrics that minimize heat storage and enhance sweat evaporation. White or light colors, cotton or other breathable fabrics, and designs that maximize skin exposure are most beneficial, according to Sparling and Millard-Stafford.

Other ways to assist in the acclimatization process include staying physically fit. The more physically fit a Marine is, the faster he or she will acclimatize, according to Baymanh.

"Well-conditioned athletes have a higher heat tolerance than their sedentary counterparts," Baymanh said. "In other words, fitness improves heat tolerance. Regular, vigorous training induces 'internal heat stress,' which is similar to acclimatization."

## Tax refund checks due military taxpayers

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

**WASHINGTON** — If you owed federal income taxes for 2000, a check for up to \$600 will be in the mail for you by September.

Lt. Col. Thomas K. Emswiler, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, said military members are as eligible as other taxpayers for the federal refund that's made headlines recently.

In an interview with the American Forces Radio and Television Service, he said the tax bill just signed by the president creates a new tax bracket of 10 percent and made the rate retroactive to Jan. 1. In the past, he said, the lowest tax rate was 15 percent, so the 5

percent reduction will allow most taxpayers to get a refund."

The law provides the mailing of refunds the first in July and be complete by the end of September. Plans now call for the first checks to be mailed on July 20 and the last batch on Sept. 28. Taxpayers will receive letters in July explaining how much to expect and when.

Emswiler said anyone who had a federal tax liability for 2000 is eligible providing they weren't claimed as someone else's dependent. "Liability" means owing more than the amount of nonrefundable credits, such as education and child care credit. Refundable credits, such as the earned income tax credit, don't count for determining eligibility or the amount of the refund.

"If you filed a joint return last year and had at least \$12,000 in taxable income, you'll receive a \$600 refund," he said. "That \$600 represents the difference between taxing \$12,000 at 15 percent and taxing it at 10 percent as provided for under the new law."

"If you filed as head of household last year and had at least \$10,000 in taxable income, you'll get a refund of \$500. Most taxpayers who filed as single last year and had at least \$6,000 in taxable income will get a refund of \$300," he continued.

Persons claimed as dependents, such as children, college students and elderly parents, receive no refund. Further, Emswiler said, the refunds he cited are maximums — persons who reported less than the threshold in-

comes receive proportionally smaller refunds.

"But as long as you had some tax liability in 2000, you'll get a refund," he noted.

Eligible taxpayers need only ensure the Internal Revenue Service has their correct mailing address, Emswiler said. Service members should notify the post office of moves or file IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS.

The IRS plan is to issue refunds according to the last two digits of taxpayers' Social Security numbers, he remarked. Refunds for those with "00" will be among the earliest checks mailed in July; "99s" will be among the last in September. The process is scheduled to take three months because 96 million checks are involved.





## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for July 8 - 15.

### • Underage drinking

A lance corporal with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

A lance corporal with CAB, 3rd MarDiv., was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$607 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duties for 45 days.

A private first class with CAB, 3rd MarDiv., was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

A lance corporal with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking and consuming alcohol less than eight hours prior to work. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with 7th Communication Battalion, III MEF, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking and consuming alcohol less than eight hours prior to work. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 pay for one month and restriction/extra duties for 14 days.

A private first class with 3rd Transportatn Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$270 pay for one month and restriction/extra duties for 14 days.

A private first class with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$521 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duties for 60 days.



## COURTS MARTIAL

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, plead guilty at a general court-martial and was given a bad conduct discharge and sentenced to 30 months confinement, total forfeitures and reduction to E-1 for violation of Article 134, possessing child pornography.

A lance corporal with H&S Battalion, MCB, plead guilty at a special court-martial and was awarded 75 days confinement, forfeitures of \$667 for two months and reduction to E-2 for violation of Article 92, violation of a lawful general order (specifically, consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21 years) and Article 111, driving while under the influence of alcohol with a Blood Alcohol Content of .15%.

A private first class with H&S Battalion, MCB, plead guilty at a special court-martial and was given a bad conduct discharge and sentenced to 6 months confinement, forfeitures of \$695 for 6 months and reduction to E-1 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, Article 121, larceny and Article 134, indecent assault.

A lance corporal with Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, plead guilty at a special court-martial and was awarded a bad conduct discharge, sentenced to 120 days confinement, forfeitures of \$695 for 4 months and reduction to E-1 for two specifications of violations to Article 86, absent without authority, and Article 134, breaking restriction.

## Leaders at conference

The Commander and Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Dennis C. Blair, and a group of senior level general officers throughout the Pacific Command region, were on Okinawa July 16 to 18 to take part in a Joint Task Force Commanders Conference. This is a biannual meeting of Department of Defense leadership within the Pacific Command. The purpose of the conference is to discuss matters of mutual interest. The CINC conducts Joint Task Force Commanders Conferences at various military installations throughout the Pacific Command on a rotational basis. CINCPAC began holding conferences with his joint task force commanders in 1993 to discuss goals for various exercises. The conference was held at various locations aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Butler on Okinawa. This is the first time a Joint Task Force Commanders Conference has been held on Okinawa.



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Marine Corps University classes

Marine Corps University is accepting enrollments for the 2001-2002 academic year which begins October 2001.

Amphibious Warfare School Phase I, AWS II and Command & Staff will be taught in seminar with adjunct faculty. The diploma is the same as the resident diploma and these courses are equivalent to the resident diploma for promotion and assignment. The Command & Staff College is a Joint Professional Military Education phase I accredited school.

Seminars meet once a week for two hours. Sign up now so materials will be received prior to the Oct. 1 start date.

For more information, contact Col. James P. Hopkins, USMC retired, or Betty Eisenmann at 645-2230/2500, e-mail [hopkinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:hopkinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or got to the MCU website at <http://mcu.mcbbutler.usmc.mil>.

### Volunteers needed

The Kadena 18th Services Youth Sports is looking for youth sports coach volunteers for the Fall 2001 soccer season.

Registration for soccer is on a first come, first serve basis from July 23 - Aug. 1 at the O'Connor Gym. A Form 1181 needs to be on file.

Soccer season begins Aug. 27 and runs through Oct. 27.

For more information, contact the Kadena Youth Sports Office at 634-2789.

### MACVSOG members sought

The U.S. Army Special Operations Committee will award the Presidential Unit Citation Award to former members of the Military Assistance Committee Vietnam Studies and Operations Group on Aug. 17.

Members of all four services were attached to the unit.

Event organizers are looking for former service members or retirees who may not know about Congress recently granting the PUC.

The 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group is looking for retirees or family members in the Pacific to attend this event.

If you served with MACVSOG or know someone who did, please contact Capt. Bob Ball at 644-4490 or Capt. Paul Mattson 644-4123 for more details.

### Auditions for play set

The Pacific Okinawa players will hold auditions for "GI Juke Box - A '40s Stagedoor Canteen" from 6:30-9 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

\*July 23 - Camp Hansen Mountain View Club.

\*July 25 - Camp Foster Globe and Anchor Meeting Room.

\*July 26 - Camp Kinser Surfside Restaurant Ballroom.

The parts being cast are for two male and two female roles which will require singing. Music reading skills are not needed.

Extras are also being auditioned to play 10 USO dancers (GI Guys & Gals).

Instrumentalists will not audition at the times stated above, but are welcome to attend and drop off resumes. Organizers are seeking out those people who can play piano, drums (trap set), bass, trumpet, trombone, clarinet or sax (alto or tenor).

For more information, contact Gene Von Bon at 936-9144 after 5 p.m.

### To submit a brief ...

Send an e-mail to [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or fax your request to 645-3803. The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only and they are run on a space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for submitting briefs is noon every Friday and the Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material to fit space.

# Marines forge core values through sacrifice



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So many changes have happened the past year in the Marine Corps and today we prepare to enter the 21st century battlefield better than ever before.

However, the changes would not have come about without the aid of Corps legends, war veterans, battles with devastating results and active-duty Marines.

These legends are gone now and our veterans are slowly fading away. Sure, as Marines we would not allow for their memory to be desecrated, but the fact of the matter is that history is best learned from those who experienced it.

Where are we to go to learn about hardships and emotions involved in Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima or Korea? Will Saigon and Desert Storm soon follow suit? Who knows?

I'm sure that history professors, professional military education seminars and the History channel will document it as best as possible, but as Marines, we should personally be interested in seeking out these veterans to learn from their trials. The only way we can go to the future is by looking to the past.

That is not the case though.

Sadly, there is a cloud rolling over our Corps as more and more people come in and see that the Corps is not what they expected. Increasingly, people are leaving the Corps with little knowledge of their heritage. Is that a fact, you ask?

Well, if someone was part of something bigger than life and knew where exactly we came from then there

wouldn't be any bad mouthing of our Corps.

Would there?

I for one was ready to get out after my four-year stint and start a new life. I felt nothing but sadness that I didn't find what I was looking for in the Corps. Luckily, a salty gunny took me in and said if I really cared for the Corps then I should stay in. Did he make sense?

It was then that I took an active role in learning about where I came from as a Marine.

As I thumbed through the pages of time, I saw pictures of Marines cold and hungry in some God-forsaken country believing that what they were doing was right. It became clear to me ... forget about Honor, Courage and Commitment, it was all about sacrifice.

I thought about it so hard that at times tears rolled down my cheek because I could not imagine leaving something so precious as this. This is something people before me died to preserve and pass on to a new generation. Suffice it to say, I re-upped for another four.

I didn't need a government house, or monetary bonus to see that I was part of something bigger. It became more evident to me what being part of the Corps was all about when an Army colonel at military occupational specialty school refused my salute and instead shook my hand.

I was confused about the whole scene, but the colonel said, "It's good luck to shake the hand of a Marine." I wondered why he said that and he explained that there were many times in combat and in peacetime when a Marine was there to lend a hand. I looked at him strangely and saluted him anyway. He returned the gesture and went into a military court shaking his head as he smiled and said, "That's a Marine for you."

Granted, I'm not the most "motivated" individual, but I care about where we are going as a Corps and the young people who come in and later become disenchanted.

We are headed in the right direction, as a force in readiness, but is it the way we conduct wars that matters?

Or is it the individual knowing what their sacrifice means to so many? It's not just the American public or the combat veterans that look upon us to be protectors of the faith, but everyone in the world.

Our history is well known throughout the world and it's no wonder that our adversaries revere us. It's that same pride in our history that other services want to emulate.

You ask a Marine what Tun Tavern is and God forbid the Marine doesn't know. However, you ask another service member where their service was created or a battle in which they distinguished themselves in and most would be stumped.

We continue to grow and undergo an evolution that never seems to end, but let us not forget those we lead. It is our junior Marines that will lead the Corps into the 21st century even further, and we must pass on what we know if we are to survive.

Lt. Gen. Victor Krulak once said, "We exist today... we flourish today... not because of what we know we are, or what we know we can do, but because of what the grassroots of our country believes we are and believes we can do."

This is what keeps us alive, but C.W. Perry phrases it better when he said, "Leadership is accepting people where they are, then taking them somewhere."

Let's stay true to our junior Marines, our goals and ourselves as a Corps, because we all know that it's all about sacrifice. Right?

## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil)

### Accidents will happen

The accident was not your fault, at least that is what you keep repeating to yourself. The motorcycle switched lanes right in front of you and slammed on his brakes; you didn't have time to react fast enough. Now the mangled motorcycle and the unconscious driver lie in front of your car.

You look around and don't see anyone, the streets are vacant. All the safety briefs you have ever heard flash through your mind; one of those messages sticks out more than all the others, "Don't drink and drive."

You also imagine what your OIC will say when he finds out about this. Wait, you think to yourself, no one has to find out, because no one saw the accident.

Do you stay or do you go?

### What the Marines said

**Staff sergeant with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing:** I would rather take the heat from drinking and driving than from a hit and run because if the person died I would never forgive myself.

**Sergeant with 3rd Forces Service Support Group:** You never know what you'll do until actually faced with this situation, but I'd like to think I'd do the right thing and stick around.

**Gunnery sergeant with 3rd Marine Division:** It might be tough to face the music, but as a Marine, I'd show the integrity and courage to do what is right.

**Lance corporal with 1st MAW:** I'd never drink and drive, but if in this situation, I'd do what I had to do to make things right.

I'd stay and help the victim as much as I could until authorities arrived and avoid making the situation any worse than what it is already.

### What the Chaplain said

**Chaplain:** Doing the right thing takes guts especially when "facing the music" as the gunnery sergeant said. I admire these Marines for choosing to rise above a personal crisis by maintaining their integrity.

General George S. Patton once said that, "courage is fear that has said its prayers." Our anxiety over unknown consequences should never influence our moral and spiritual character.

Remember, "courage" ranks prominently among the seven classical virtues (wisdom, self-control, justice, faith, hope and love). Making consistent honorable choices fortifies our ability to stand tall as we advance along the path of life.

*"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."* -Mark Twain

-Navy Lt. George J. Mendes, Chaplain, 31<sup>st</sup> MEU



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# Ultimate Fight Night thrills fans

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**CAMP FOSTER**—The triple crown Ultimate Fighting Champion Dan “The Beast” Severn fulfilled a promise Saturday by returning to the Globe and Anchor Club showing American service members that watching outside the ropes is not his cup of tea.

Never the one to back down from a fight, “The Beast” decided to bring his own brand of eyeball-bulging neck chokes, python like grappling and bone jarring fighting into the square circle after his last appearance as host of Ultimate Fight Night III here in February.

The newest version of the Ultimate Fight Night introduced and departed from its predecessors by adding two Ultimate Fights to the six-card bill - a new approach featuring local kick boxers and Muay Thai combatants.

But the main event didn’t completely overshadow the other fights, even without Severn’s decisive defeat of Japanese Ultimate Fighter Yuki Ishikawa; the other five fights would have impressed even the most jaded fight enthusiast.

Putting on a fast paced and bloody eyed show for the home crowd, a fighter from Third Master Martial Arts Academy complete with tattoo scripted “Devil Dog” across his stomach, fought his third amateur bout and did some vinyl glove tattooing of his own against the face of his Japanese opponent.

“All these fighters are good competition,” said the fighter from Third Martial Arts Academy. “This is definitely the most I’ve ever been banged up in a fight.”

The ability of his Japanese kick boxing foe showed on the academy fighters face after the second round as he sat in the corner with blood dripping out of his left eyebrow.

“I can remember when he hit me in the eye. I certainly felt it right away. I knew it wasn’t sweat coming from my eye because blood is much thicker,” he said.

But he pushed on and landed some fierce punches and roundhouse kicks to his opponent before taking the decisive victory to the roar of cheering fight-thirsty fans.

Although the fans enjoyed seeing the four matches of lighter-weight kick boxers pound each other for their enjoyment, the fact was they were here to see the Ultimate Fighters.

The first of the two Ultimate Fights, dubbed the Special Match, was an American fighter, Carl Malenko, taking on a relatively unknown fighter from Tokyo.

At first it looked like a pushover fight from the beginning with Malenko waving his arms in the air rousing support from the crowd. He looked the part of all American boy with a deep tan and gelled hair while his opponent, Chris Lauer, sat silently in his corner pale skinned and somewhat pudgy.

But looks can be deceiving.

The bell clanged and both fighters came from their corners running. Gone was the dancing and shimmering seen in boxing after the bell rings. There is no time in Ultimate Fighting to check each other out and learn a game plan. It is all out break your opponents face and get it over with as soon as possible.

Lauer, the not so fan favorite, pulled out a few stops of his own in the beginning first round by tossing



A Japanese fighter receives a double whammy from his opponent at the Ultimate Fight Night IV at the Globe and Anchor Club

Malenko around and surprising the golden boy and fans by dumping him like a hay bale onto his neck.

Unfortunately fans usually know how to pick winners, and before the first round hit its halfway point Malenko had Lauer in a vice grip arm hold that nearly dislocated his shoulder. Within seconds of the arm lock, Lauer was tapping out in sheer pain and leaving some fans wondering what had happened.

That is the nature of Ultimate Fighting. It isn’t pretty and it rarely goes for long before someone is left on the canvas bleeding.

“A lot of people don’t understand the ground intricacies that are taking place when two guys are on the ground and then all of a sudden someone taps out,” Severn said. “We want to teach people that this is a sport and not just a spectacle. This is not primitive and raw like some think. Ultimate Fighters are well trained, and they know what their limits are so that they don’t get seriously injured.”

Even though the fighters know their limits, there is still a competitive edge in their line of work that makes them take the hard knocks and spill some blood.

After the Special Match it was show time for real as novice and hardcore Ultimate Fighting enthusiasts waited for Dan “The Beast” Severn to make his appearance in the ring.

This was the moment that most had come here to see. The 6-foot 2-inch 250 pound Severn

marched into the ring and then proceeded to pound the other guy into submission. Fans got what they asked for.

Just like the match before, in true Ultimate Fighting form, both Severn and a more diminutive Yuki Ishikawa charged from their corners. Ishikawa wanted to stay on his feet knowing that Severn was a world-class grappler. From the start Ishikawa and Severn traded blows until Severn jumped at his chance to fold Ishikawa like a lawn chair. But to most everyone’s surprise, Ishikawa knew how to hold off “The Beast” for a little while. He was less aggressive, but he kept the larger Severn at bay by blocking his advances.

The fans were cheering louder than ever by the second round. Both Severn and Ishikawa came out fighting, but once again Severn took the lead by taking his opponent to the canvas and dissecting his way to victory. Within a short time Severn had Ishikawa locked up and tapping out. The fans once again picked the winner.

As the last autograph was signed and photographs posed, Dan Severn completed his task by bringing Ultimate Fighting here and once again pioneering the sport of Ultimate Fighting to new locations.

“I wanted to come here because the military has sacrificed, and I wanted to give back to them by doing what I do best,” Severn said.





July 7.



A fighter with Third Master Martial Arts Academy lands a well placed punch to the face of Takahiro Sasara in a kick boxing match at the Globe and Anchor Club. Sasara eventually won the match by referee's decision.



Yuki Ishikawa struggles with Dan "The Beast" Severn in the main event of Ultimate Fight Night IV before eventually losing to the three time ultimate Fighting champion.



is cheer as Dan "The Beast" Severn defeats Yuki Ishikawa at the Globe and Anchor Club July 7.



Dan "The Beast" Severn lunges at Yuki Ishikawa during the main event of Ultimate Fight Night IV.



# Early babies

*NICU gives little lives big boost in critical first weeks*

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**CAMP LESTER** — Little lives got a big boost when the U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa inherited a vital part of Clark Air Base nearly 10 years ago when the base closed and U.S. Forces left the Philippines.

The largest Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Pacific region came here in 1991 and now meets the needs of premature babies during the critical first few weeks of their lives, according to Air Force Maj. Michele K. Chai, Neonatologist, NICU, USNH.



Chai

"We're the second largest NICU in the Air Force," Chai said. "We're a very dedicated group and we're here to go all out to meet the needs of babies and their parents."

With a staff of four doctors, 16 nurses and 10 technicians, the NICU provides round-the-clock care for premature babies.

"We have the equipment and staffing to run this 14-bed unit and have taken care of up to 20 babies at once," Chai said. "But we have on average eight babies in the NICU at a time."

The NICU has helped nurse along babies born as much as 16 weeks early. They usually require help breathing as their respiratory systems generally haven't developed enough to support themselves, according to Chai. They also have a tough time fending off infection as their immune systems are also not fully developed.

"The main things we have to worry about with premature babies is their breathing and risk of infection," Chai said. "We have specialized ventilators that assist with the gentle, rapid breathing they require when born after only 22-23 weeks gestation. We also have the capability to feed them intravenously as they are unable to nurse yet."

One limitation of the NICU is when a baby is born with difficult heart problems, according to Chai.

"We don't have a pediatric surgeon here," Chai said. "So babies born with cardiac defects are usually (transported) to San Diego."

The NICU personnel, who care for babies from Guam, mainland Japan and Korea, work closely with parents as they assist babies. The NICU also has 24-hour visitation so parents can be with their babies around the clock.

"We understand that this can be an emotional roller coaster for parents," Chai said. "They are allowed to visit their babies when they want and we do our best to keep them informed of what's going on."



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Antonieta A. Lucero holds her 3-month-old son Jerad Andre Lucero in the NICU at USNH Feb. 21. Jerad was born prematurely in a Japanese hospital in Atsugi Thanksgiving Day and was medevaced to Okinawa to receive the special treatment he needed.

"The staff here has done an excellent job helping my son," said Antonieta A. Lucero as she held her son in the NICU. "My son was born prematurely in a Japanese hospital in Atsugi, Japan, on Thanksgiving Day."

Jared Andre Lucero was born weighing a mere 3.5 pounds and has required specialized care from the NICU. Following birth, a language barrier left the new mother and father feeling helpless and uninformed until he was brought here.

"When we were at the Japanese hospital, understanding what was going on was very difficult and this lack of communication made an already tough situation worse," Lucero said.

"Since being transported to the NICU here, I've been very grateful for the help he's received and I've been kept very well informed throughout the

process."

Babies in the NICU can stay anywhere from three to four days to four months depending on the situation.

"Generally, if a baby is born early, parents can expect them to go home on what the original due date would have been," said Air Force Capt. Mariann L. Dowd, Clinical Nurse team leader, NICU, USNH.

As the NICU personnel assist newborns, an occupational hazard common to them is becoming too attached to the babies, according to Dowd.

"When you spend 12 hours a day with the babies, you can't help but bond with them," Dowd said. "The hardest part emotionally is when a baby doesn't do well, but most babies do very well making this a very happy place to work."





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The scout snipers silently stalk their targets through the forests while wearing ghillie suits. Even after the shot is fired, it is still almost impossible to spot the exact location of the Marine.

## U.S., ROK Marine snipers practice stalking skills

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**CAMP MUJOK, Korea** – Two U.S. Marines sat hidden in the training areas' tall grass while staring intently through binoculars.

They slowly and carefully scanned the rice fields, muddy ditches and dense forests hoping to catch some glimpse of what was stalking them.

Bang! The first strike was made on the lieutenant. The second strike quickly following on the staff sergeant

by his side. The two Marines were helplessly scored upon; their attackers too well hidden to find.

The training is known as 'stalking.' Marine scout snipers of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment practiced their expert skills of stealth and marksmanship as they participated in a week of training with the Republic of Korea sniper and reconnaissance Marines here recently.

Training began with the two forces combining their knowledge during classes. They taught one another their styles of maneuvering, firing and weaponry. U.S. Marines showed off their special uniforms called 'ghillie suits' that are handmade to closely resemble the terrain. They also shared techniques for increasing their observation abilities. Both forces worked

together to improve each other's skills.

"Our ghillie suits are made out of regular utilities, netting and torn, ragged burlap," said Sgt. Jason L. Ruesler, chief scout, Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 3/8. "We were very impressed by the ROK Marines' ingenuity though, since they didn't have the same materials to work with as us. Their suits and camouflage techniques were just as good as ours and their field discipline was excellent."

Both force's observation and memory skills were also put to the test during what is known as KIMS game, which stands for 'keep in memory sniper.' During this exercise, the Marines viewed ten random items that ranged from a compass to a brass casing for two minutes. The next day, the Marines were graded on their memory as they wrote a description of the ten items.

During the observation portion, items were then hidden in a 10-meter wide, natural terrain area. The Marines were given binoculars and challenged to find the camouflaged items from 25 yards away.

"During scouting, these skills are important for us," said Cpl. Andrew G. Sullivan, scout sniper team leader, 3/8. "When we're on the move, we don't have time to stop and write down all the information we see. We are required to report all information that we see on the enemy from memory. Observation comes into play when we have to find the enemy in a concealed environment. We are successful because we are able to find the enemies improper camouflage, no matter how well hidden he may think he is."

The Marines also received some

practice on the snipers weapon of choice, the M-40A1 sniper rifle. This 14.5-pound rifle has an effective range of 1,000 yards and a scope to help the sniper hone in on his target.

Both forces fired the rifle during the training. The Korean forces were not familiar with the weapon. But that did not stop them from hitting targets.

"The Korean Marines obviously don't have that much time on this weapon, since it is an American weapon," said Sgt. Karl D. Germain, scout sniper team leader, 3/8. "The Koreans shot extremely well and definitely impressed a lot of the U.S. Marines. They showed that they had natural firing abilities, and they took the marksmanship fundamentals taught by us during the classes to heart."

The final test of the snipers' capabilities happens during the stalking exercise when all of the elements are combined into a combat scenario.

Starting at least 600 meters away from the observers, the snipers must move undetected within 200 meters. They must find an opening through the thick vegetation and be able to clearly sight in on their target and take their shot.

The training provided the U.S. Marines the opportunity to identify mistakes and areas to improve. It was excellent training for both sides, according to Germain.

"There were some instances that certain Marines from both forces had to work a little harder in order to overcome," Germain said. "These were only minor instances though, and we were able to work on them. The Korean Marines proved themselves a silent force to be reckoned with and I'd be proud to work with them again."



Cpl. Joe M. Gibson and Lance Cpl. Landon B. Matson, scouts, Scout Sniper Platoon, H&S Co, 3/8, demonstrate the different shooting styles used by the U.S. Marine scout snipers, during one of the many bi-lateral classes.



# Officials welcome 3/12 Marines to Ojoihara

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**OJOJIHARA, Japan** — The Marines of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment were warmly welcomed to the area by three local officials and a prominent citizen of the surrounding communities June 28.

Lieutenant Col. John H. O'Hey, Commanding Officer, 3/12, visited Hajimu Asano, Mayor of Taiwa Town, Shigetoshi Hayasaka, Deputy Mayor of Ohira Village, Takuya Ito, Mayor of Shikama Town and Masako Arai, a local supporter of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The three officials and Arai invited O'Hey to their offices and home to welcome the U.S. Marines and discuss the U.S. Marines training in the area.



Arai

Hospitality was extended to O'Hey and some of his fellow Marines when they visited Arai at her home. Arai, a strong-willed, cordial 80-year-old woman, who has welcomed Marines during their past training exercises here, discussed the way she views the Marines as visitors and friends.

"Hospitality goes farther than words," Arai said as she and her visitors sat in her dining room, sharing a bowl of cherries and refreshments. "Even though we don't speak the same languages, both sides can understand what the other is feeling, without words."

Later on in the visit, Arai proudly displayed her collection of gifts given to her by other visiting units and showed off her favorite gift of all: a set of camouflage utilities given to her during a previous 3/12 visit.

Arai also shared her feelings about the negative perceptions of U.S. forces from the Japanese public and media.

"The Japanese protesters don't always understand what the Marines are trying to do here," Arai said. "I can understand why some of them feel the way they do, however. Some Japanese people are Americanized and like U.S. traditions, but sometimes they become confused by the media or stories, and the American forces get stuck in the middle. Sometimes we forget how close our cultures are. It's a battle between being so close to America, but not wanting to be so close that we lose Japanese tradition."



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Shigetoshi Hayasaka, deputy mayor of Ohira Village, and Lt. Col. John H. O'Hey, commanding officer, 3/12, discuss the training the Marines will be conducting while in Ojoihara. Hayasaka commended the Marines for their history of safety while training in the area and wished them future luck.

"If all Americans were embraced by the Japanese people in the old traditions, both sides would be able to understand each other and could easily live together," Arai added.

The Marines want to get to know their neighbors, since traveling abroad is an excellent opportunity for the Marines, and will benefit them in their futures, according to O'Hey.

"Marines, especially younger Marines, look forward to chances like these to visit places like Ojoihara," O'Hey said. "These are once in a lifetime opportunities. Even if some negative things happen while a Marine is deployed, up the road, all he'll remember are all the good times he had."

Mayor Asano also visited with the Marines, and commended them on their safe history with and courtesy

toward the Japanese community.

"There have been no mishaps in recent history with the Marines," Mayor Asano said. "We appreciate the continued cooperation in making training as safe as possible, and wish the Marines good luck in staying safe."

Deputy Mayor Hayasaka thanked the Marines for volunteering their time to help out at the four different scheduled community relations events the Marines plan to attend.

According to O'Hey, these events are a good chance for the Marines to thank the Japanese community for their patience and supportiveness.

"Our training here can put some strain on the community," O'Hey said. "The projects let us give something back to the people."

## Camp Police receive award for cleaning up beaches

Marines from Camp Hansen are recognized for their cleanup efforts on and off base by Kin officials during a ceremony

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**CAMP HANSEN** — One group of Marines here works daily to maintain cleanliness and good order of camp common areas on base and in surrounding areas such as Kin Blue Beach and Kin Red Beach.

The mayor of Kin recognized these Marines, known as the Camp Police, for their work recently during an awards ceremony at Kin Blue Beach.

"We'd like to thank the Marines for their cleanup activities at

the beach," Mayor Katsuhiro Yoshida said. "We appreciate their activities in helping keep Kin clean. We love the Marines very much."

Cpl. Chris Phillips, noncommissioned officer in charge, Camp Police, said the citizens of Kin seem to appreciate what the Marines are doing.

Many of the celebrated Marines said they were honored they were selected from their units to be a part of Camp Police.

"It's evident by this group of Marines, Kin is our home, and we love it too."

- Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston

Marines to do their part and clean up our home as well as theirs."

Maj. Mark Lamczyk, deputy

camp commander, said the Camp Police program is a good representation of Marines here showing their pride in helping local residents.

Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force, attended the ceremony as a special guest and commented on the Camp Police Marines' efforts in caring for their community.

"Sooner or later, every single U. S. Marine will come to Okinawa (at some time in his or her career) and almost all of them will

live near your city," he said to the residents. "It's evident by this group of Marines, Kin is our home, and we love it too."



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For beach cleanup efforts like this, Marines from a group known as Camp Police, were recently recognized for their hard work by the mayor of Kin.





Paul Darcangelo poses with his lacrosse stick and teammate Neil Vaught. Darcangelo's teammates have commented on his experience, motivation, dedication and passion for lacrosse.

## Lacrosse takes Marine to Tokyo

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**TOKYO** — When he was playing lacrosse as a child in Corning, N.Y., Paul Darcangelo never imagined he would someday play for the Marine Corps halfway around the world.

But he did just that June 15-17 when he participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Lacrosse Games in Tokyo as a member of the Okinawa Marines lacrosse team.

"I never dreamed of being a Marine or playing lacrosse for the Marine Corps," said Darcangelo who is a tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-command link guided missile weapon system gunner home based at Twentynine Palms, Calif., but is stationed in Okinawa as part of the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program. "This was my first time playing lacrosse against an international team."

The Marine Corps may be showing the 6-foot, 195-pound lance corporal what the world has to offer him now, but his love for lacrosse began many years ago. Darcangelo started playing the game at age 5.

"My father, brother and sister all played lacrosse," he said. "That is how I got started."

As the young athlete grew, so did his love for the sport of lacrosse. Darcangelo attended training camps to better his skills. When his middle school, Corning Free Academy, did not have a lacrosse team, he practiced every day on his own and advanced to another level, continuing his efforts as he grew.

"Even though I was only in the fifth grade, I played for the [junior high team], the Corning Skyhawks. My father and I built a lacrosse goal in my front yard when I was in the sixth grade," Darcangelo said with a proud smile. "I think ev-



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.

Paul Darcangelo practices throwing and catching with his stick. Darcangelo participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Lacrosse Games in Tokyo as a member of the Okinawa Marines lacrosse team.

ery piece of the goal has since been replaced."

Lacrosse has presented Darcangelo some challenges through the years. One of the biggest challenges he had to overcome was when he broke his ankle playing for Corning East High School his junior year.

"When I broke my ankle, I was put out of the starting lineup. I was still hurt and weak when I returned, so I was put in as a backup," said the brown-haired, brown-eyed athlete. "The junior season is when you are looked at by scouts to be considered for college. I missed the most important season."

"My senior year I got my starting position back," he said, "but by that time it was too late because everyone I knew had signed with a college. I missed my junior year so I didn't get a scholarship."

Darcangelo continues to practice in hopes of playing for a division-one team when he gets out of the Marine Corps, concentrating most on his midfield skills.

"I am a die-hard midfielder," he said. "For the player on offense there is a break in the action, and for the player on defense there is a break in the action, but not for the midfielder. As a midfielder, you are in the game the whole time."

Darcangelo has spent nearly his whole life in the game, but he said there is one man who stands out in his mind: Coach Pavlick, head coach, Corning Skyhawks, who devoted most of his free time to coaching children.

"He was a family man with children and a wife, yet found time to help out kids from all ages," Darcangelo said. "He was so involved with the team

that the license plates on his van read: SKYHAWK1. He was all about the sport and helping kids and making the game fun."

For Darcangelo, playing lacrosse is not only a hobby but also a way of life. With more than 15 years of experience, he is able to teach both young and old players.

"You can't beat experience like he has," said Matthew Murray, defenseman, Okinawa Marines. "His motivation, drive to play and willingness to help out his teammates were helpful to everybody (during the friendship games)."

"Darcangelo is a technical player," said Michael Tuohey, midfielder, Okinawa Marines. "He has more experience in lacrosse than most of the players on the team."

With his experience, Darcangelo helps teach newer players the game and to be more aggressive.

"He is an aggressive player," Tuohey said. "He is very passionate about the game."

Darcangelo said he will continue perfecting his skills and teaching others about lacrosse. Although he didn't expect his service in the Marine Corps to take him to the international level of the game, he is grateful for the opportunity and lessons learned in the Corps.

"The Marine Corps has taught me discipline and to respect authority," Darcangelo said. "I learned to listen to people more and do the things I am supposed to do, such as practice. With these, I will go back to college and be a better student and lacrosse player."





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A variety of accommodations are available at White Beach. There are seven cabins and three duplexes for rent at White Beach from \$30 to \$50 per night. The many amenities offered at the cabins include air conditioning, television, cable, refrigerators and stoves.

# White Beach: Okinawa's best kept secret

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**WHITE BEACH** – Having fun in Okinawa doesn't need to be centered on the nightlife, staying on base or even just visiting local hot spots. The Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation has White Beach, a resort located right on the beach that all service members, dependents and civilian employees can enjoy.

"It's a nice quiet area to get away," said Jim Wells, MWR director for Okinawa. "It's a great place to go relax on a weekend or a vacation. From there it's up to you on what you want to do."

White Beach has a free swimming pool for anyone interested in swimming. They also have a fitness center that offers a wide range of workout equipment. And for those interested in a little more, they have all types of boating vehicles.

The Seaside Marina has two 22-foot Catalina sailboats available for rent for licensed visitors. They also have banana boat rides, paddle boats and water ski and Jet Ski rentals. For visitors who would like to rent the Jet Ski's, MWR offers free instructions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Rentals are \$5 per person on the banana boat rides, \$5 per hour with the paddleboats, \$20 per half hour for the water ski and Jet Ski's.

Fishermen can schedule a fishing trip at White Beach, which will provide bait, tackle and beverages, for large fishing groups. They do local bottom fishing for groups of up to 10 people for \$300 or trolling with up to six people for \$420.

Reservations need to be made up to 60 days in advance.

Also located right on the beach are 42 air-conditioned campers loaded with a microwave and refrigerator. Campers can fit two adults and four children comfortably, Wells said.

A playground is nearby for the kids as well as a miniature golf course. Restrooms with showers, picnic pavilions and a fire pit is available for use by camper patrons. Rentals on the campers range from \$10 to \$30 a night depending on the camper size and the service member's rank.

White Beach also has seven log cabins and three duplexes for rent that overlook the beach. Each cabin is fully furnished and includes air conditioning, television, VCR, free cable channels, refrigerator, stove and dishware. Rental fees for the cabins range from \$30 to \$50 per night depending on rank.

"There is a little bit of everything to do," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ben Crandall, radiologist, Naval Hospital. "With two little boys it's easy to find something to keep them interested."

For Marines looking for a place to have a unit function, White Beach can accommodate that as well.

With a lot of things to do out here, it's great for unit functions. White Beach has its own catering service and shuttle bus available for those who need transportation to and from White Beach Jim Wells said. They have a softball field, two air conditioned racquetball courts, two tennis courts, and an outdoor basketball court.



True to its name, White Beach is a white sandy beach that can offer young and old alike many ways to relax and have fun.

White Beach also has a four-star rated dining facility located directly below the cabin area. Ocean Cliff Club serves three meals a day on weekdays and two on weekends and holidays. For patrons not interested in fine dining they have a beach club that serves fast-food daily.

To get to White Beach from 329, go south from Camp Courtney and Hansen or north from Camp Foster. Follow 329 and turn east onto 16 and follow it until it turns onto 8, follow 8 until the end of the highway. Reservations for the cabins and the campers can be made at the MWR office on Kadena Air Base or by calling MWR Reservation Section at 634-6952. For water rentals call the Marina at 642-2266. To schedule a fishing trip, call 634-6950.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 21, 4-9 p.m.:** Aquapolis Fireworks Festival at Ocean Expo Commemorative Park in Motobu Town. There will be salsa band performances, and fireworks begin at 8 p.m. To get there, take Highway 58 past Nago City Hall, make a left by the baseball stadium toward Motobu. Stay on Highway 449 until you come to the park.

**July 27-29:** Nago City Summer Festival at the Nago Fishing Pier. Drive north on Highway 58 past A & W and firestation. Pier will be further up on left.





#### AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES

**1990 Nissan Prairie** — JCI May 03, \$2,500 OBO. 646-2503.  
**1989 Honda Integra** — JCI Dec 01, \$800 OBO. **1990 Toyota Corona** — JCI March 03, \$400 OBO. 642-2205.  
**1989 Toyota Crown** — JCI Dec 01, \$600. **1990 Honda CRX** — JCI June 03, \$1,600 OBO. 637-4097 or 090-9785-5108.  
**1999 Honda VFR 800** — \$6,900 OBO. 637-3984.  
**1986 Toyota Town Ace** — JCI Oct 01, \$400 OBO. 622-7469/8333.  
**1990 Nissan Homy** — JCI June 02, \$1,500 OBO. 633-1016.  
**1988 Nissan Cifero** — JCI Aug 01, \$200. 646-5147.  
**Toyota 4x4** — JCI Feb 02, \$2,500. **1991 Honda Legend** — \$2,000. **1989 Harley Davidson FLHTC** — \$10,500 OBO. 646-6193.  
**1999 Kawasaki KLR-650** — JCI May 03, \$3,800 OBO. **1999 Honda XR-100R** — \$1,500 OBO. 637-2780.  
**1991 Honda Integra** — JCI July 02, \$1,500. 625-3980.  
**1990 Mazda Luce** — JCI Jan 02, \$650. 623-3064.  
**1989 Honda Prelude** — JCI June 02, \$800. 622-8321.  
**1990 Toyota Celica** — JCI May 03, \$2,300 OBO. 636-3138/4603.  
**1991 Honda City** — JCI July 03, \$1,900. 637-4466.  
**1991 Suzuki Escudo** — JCI April 02, \$1,500. 637-5131.  
**1991 Mazda Miata** — JCI Feb 03, \$4,500 OBO. 623-7616.  
**1992 Mitsubishi Minica** — JCI June 03, \$1,900 OBO. 090-7445-3879.  
**1991 Nissan Presa** — JCI Aug 02, \$1,900. 622-8719.  
**1990 Toyota Carina** — JCI April 03, \$1,600 OBO. 622-9464/5328.  
**1990 Toyota Carina** — JCI March 02, \$1,100 OBO. 622-5364.  
**1994 Toyota Corolla** — JCI Dec 01, \$1,500 OBO. 622-7334/7309.  
**1986 Honda VFR** — \$1,500 OBO. 633-6479.

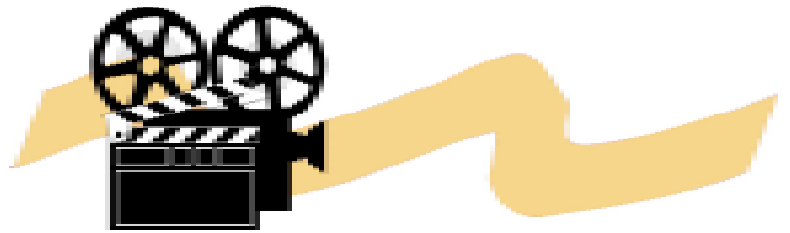


#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Chain link fence** — With gate, approximately 110', \$400 you move, \$450 we move. 646-6193.  
**Misc.** — Mizuno T-zoid irons (3-P), carbide mallet head putter and Mizuno bag, all less than four months old, used only twice, \$450 OBO. 636-2182 or 637-2470.  
**Dining Room set** — B & W, 45"-diameter round dining room table with four chairs, metal frame with leather seating and two 29" bar stools, \$150. 646-6796.  
**Digital Camera** — Kodak DC3200, with everything in box, \$150. Michael, 623-6454.  
**Lost** — Registration paperwork for 1985 Yamaha motorcycle in parking lot on Kadena in front of Class Six. Monetary reward offered. Louis, 636-2627 or 646-4511.  
**Misc.** — Dehumidifier, \$80; 2,000w transformer, \$100. 625-2105 or 964-3967.  
**Sony Playstation 2** — In box, comes with game Smugglers Run, \$400 OBO. 637-4256 after 5 p.m.  
**Platinum Engagement Ring Set** — 3/4-carat round-cut engagement ring diamond, 7 marquise diamonds set in matching wedding band, \$2,000 OBO. 623-4940 or 623-4874.  
**Free Dog** — 1 1/2-year-old Black Lab mix, medium size, housebroken, spayed and has had all shots. 932-8325.

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## Coming to a theater near you ...



Feature programs and start times are subject to change without notice. **Call theaters in advance to confirm showtimes.** Second evening movies will vary when the program runs longer than 120 minutes.

### Schwab (625-2333)

**Fri** Hannibal (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Town and Country (R); 6:00  
**Sat** Joe Dirt (PG13); 9:00  
**Sat** What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 12:00  
**Sun** Town and Country (R); 3:00  
**Sun** Joe Dirt (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** Cats & Dogs (PG); 7:00  
**Tue** Enemy at the Gates (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** The Forsaken (R); 7:00

### Hansen (623-4564)

**Fri** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** Swordfish (R); 11:00  
**Sun** Driven (PG13); 2:00, 5:30  
**Mon** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Tue** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Wed** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00

### Courtney (622-9616)

**Fri** Cats & Dogs (PG); 7:00  
**Sat** Town and Country (R); 7:00  
**Sun** Spy Kids (PG); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Star Wars: Episode 1 (PG); 1:00  
**Wed** Joe Dirt (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Closed

### Keystone (634-1869)

**Fri** Joe Dirt (PG13); 6:30  
**Fri** Tomb Raider (PG13); 9:30  
**Sat** Cats & Dogs (PG); 10:00, 1:00  
**Sat** Tomb Raider (PG13); 5:30, 8:30  
**Sun** Cats & Dogs (PG); 2:00

**Sun** Driven (PG13); 5:30, 8:30  
**Mon** Driven (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Dinosaur (G); 1:00  
**Tue** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Wed** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Muppets from Space (G); 1:00  
**Thu** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00

### Butler (645-3465)

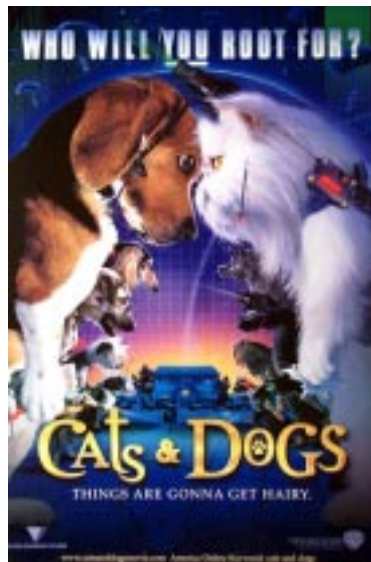
**Fri** Joe Dirt (PG13); 7:00  
**Fri** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 10:00  
**Sat** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sat** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sun** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sun** Driven (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Godzilla 2000 (PG); 1:00  
**Mon** Driven (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Thu** The Forsaken (R); 7:00

### Futenma (636-3890)

**Fri** Along Came a Spider (R); 7:30  
**Sat** Spy Kids (PG); 6:00  
**Sat** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 11:00  
**Sun** Joe Dirt (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

### Kinser (637-2177)

**Fri** Town and Country (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Driven (PG13); 3:00  
**Sat** The Mummy Returns (PG13); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** The Forsaken (R); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Inspector Gadget (PG); 1:00  
**Tue** Driven (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Cats & Dogs (PG); 7:00  
**Thu** Chicken Run (G); 1:00  
**Thu** The Forsaken (R); 7:00



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